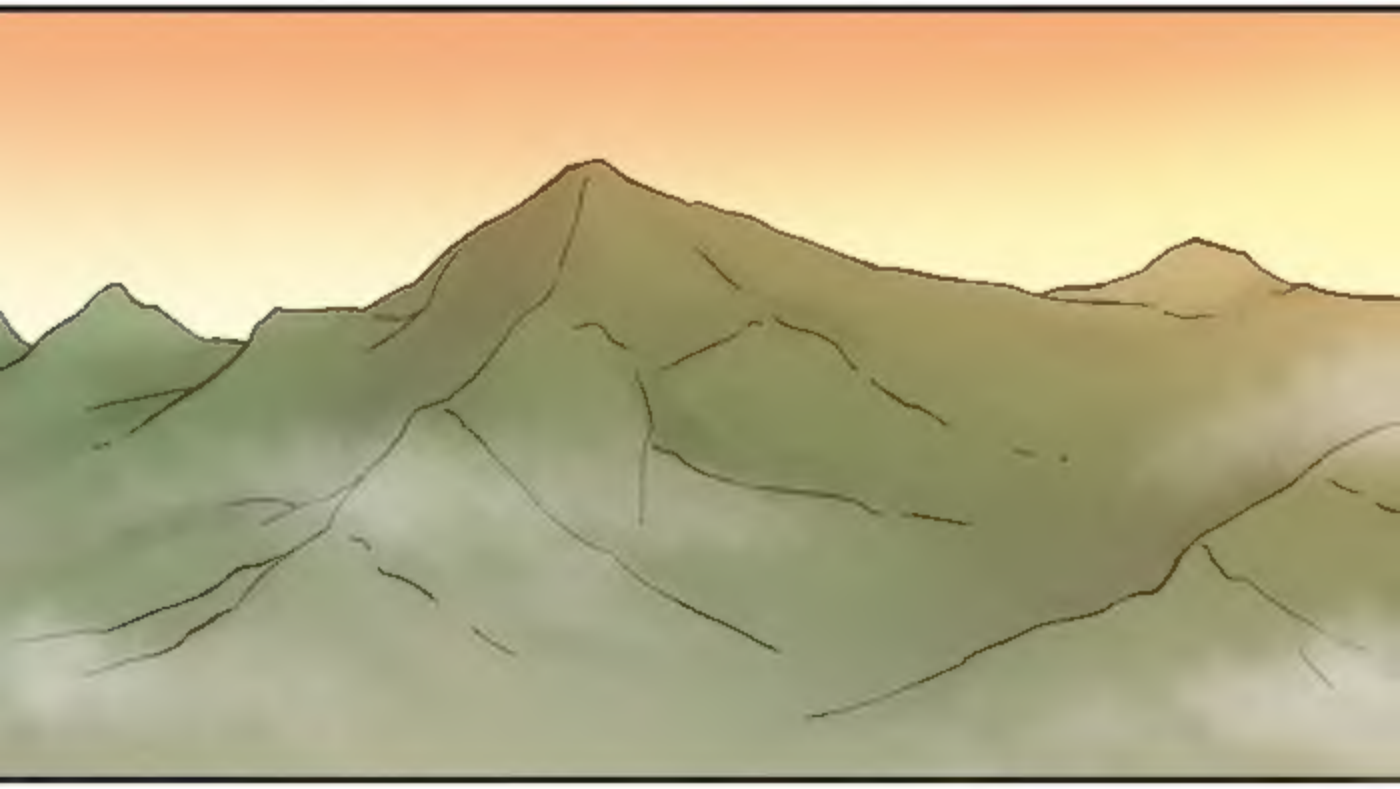

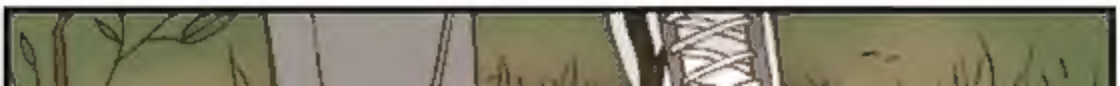

STEP
YOU KNOW...

...MY YOUNGER BROTHER GAVE ME AN EARFUL...

...FOR
NOT WHITTLING
DOWN THE NUMBER OF
EXAMINEES WITH
MY TEST.

IF I GO SO FAR
AS TO PERSONALLY
HELP BARI,
DON'T
YOU THINK HE'S
GETTING AN UNFAIR
ADVANTAGE?
UGH

I MEAN,
ALL YOU'RE DOING IS
LOOKING FOR A MISSING
STUDENT.

ASSISTANT?

HMM...
THAT'S TRUE.

BUT YOU CAME BACK.
YOU MUST HAVE ONE HECK OF A KARMA TO DEAL WITH, HUH?

...THAT'S RIGHT.
I'M HERE BECAUSE OF MY KARMA.

How to become

A DRAGON

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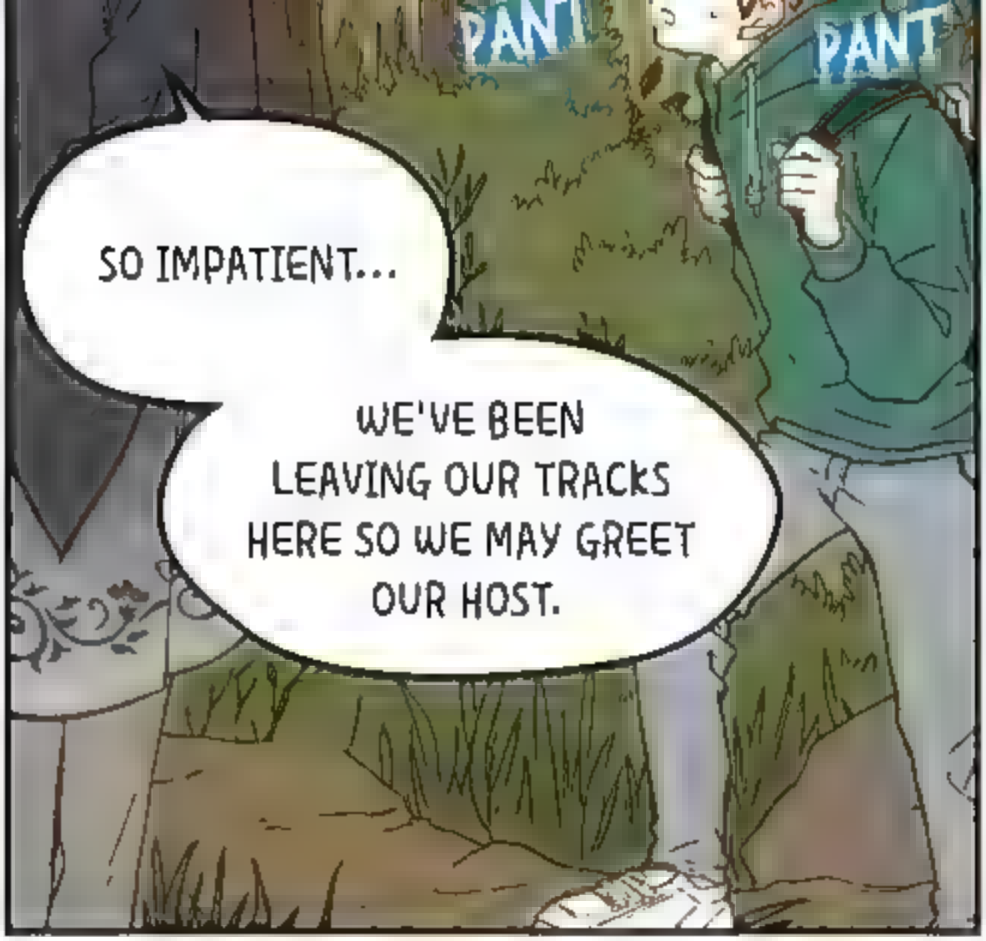
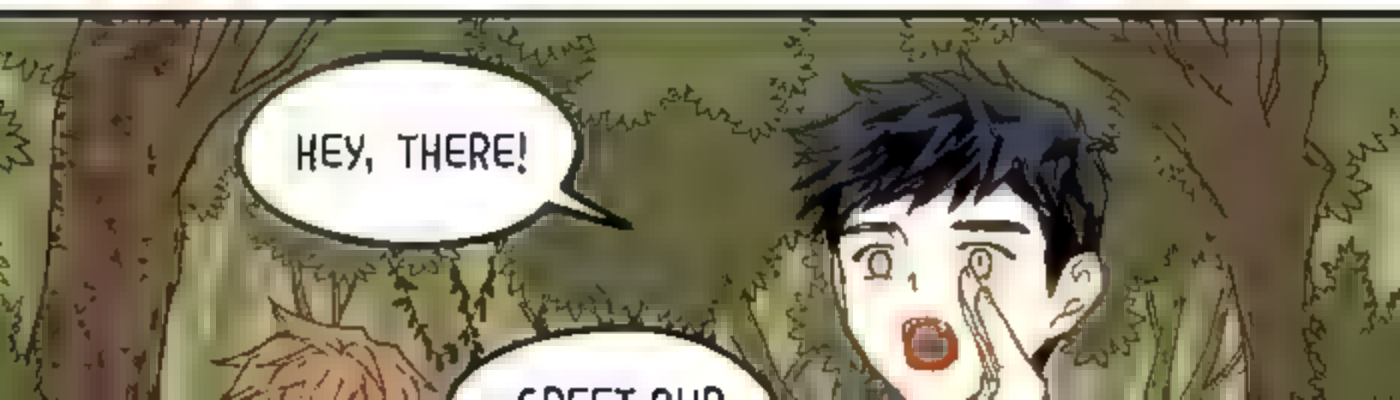
UMM...
DRAGON KING?
YES?

I NOTICED
THAT WE'RE NOT
GOING UP NOR DOWN
THE MOUNTAIN...

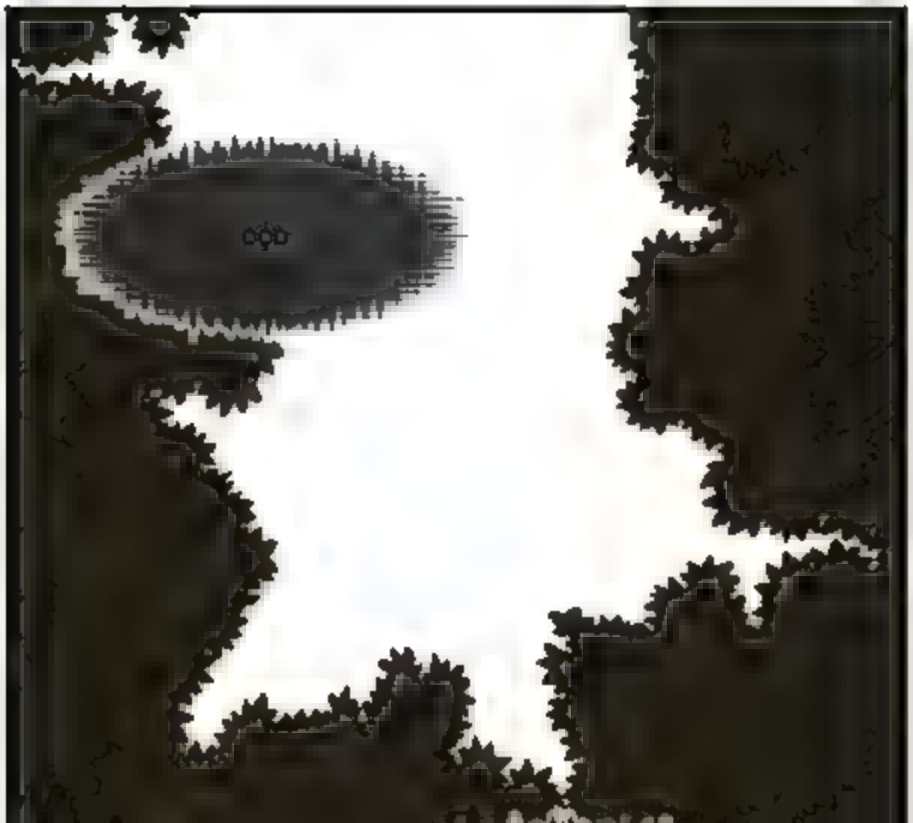
WE'VE
BEEN JUST WALKING IN
CIRCLES ON A TRAIL...

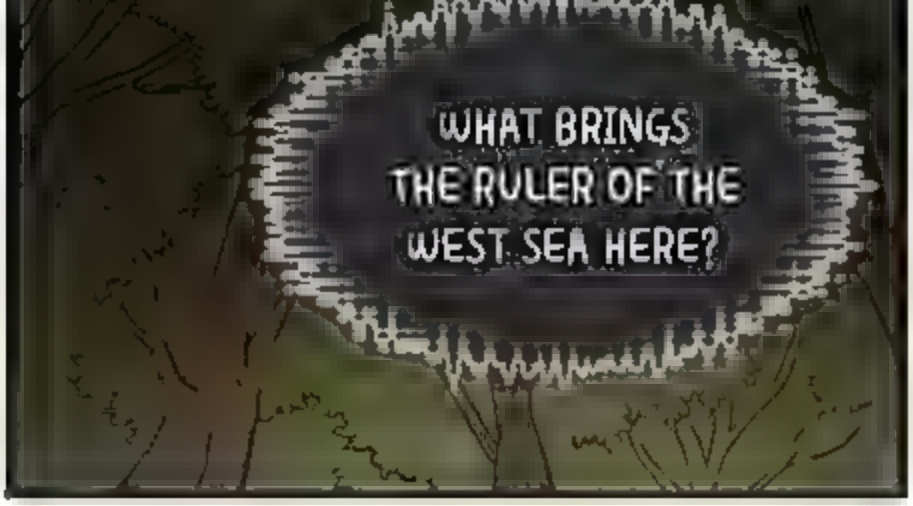
YOU DO KNOW
WHERE YOU'RE GOING,
RIGHT?
IS THIS
A PRANK?


PANT
PANT
SO IMPATIENT...
WE'VE BEEN LEAVING OUR TRACKS HERE SO WE MAY GREET OUR HOST.


HEY, THERE!

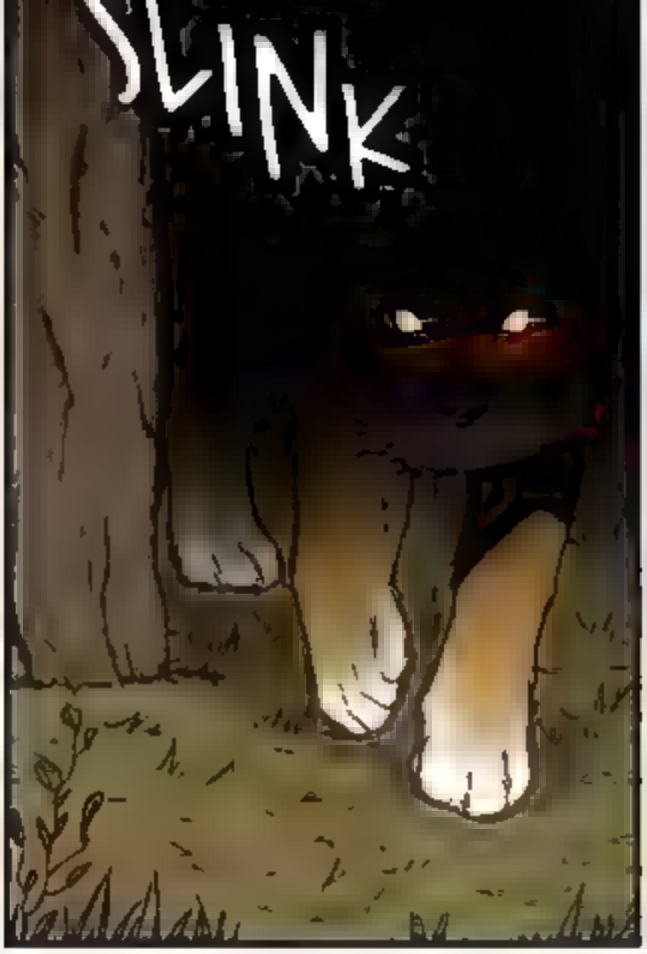
GREET OUR HOST...?
LONG TIME NO SEE!




WHAT BRINGS THE RULER OF THE WEST SEA HERE?

THIS VOICE...
WHERE IS IT COMING FROM?
I MUST SAY, I'M HURT.

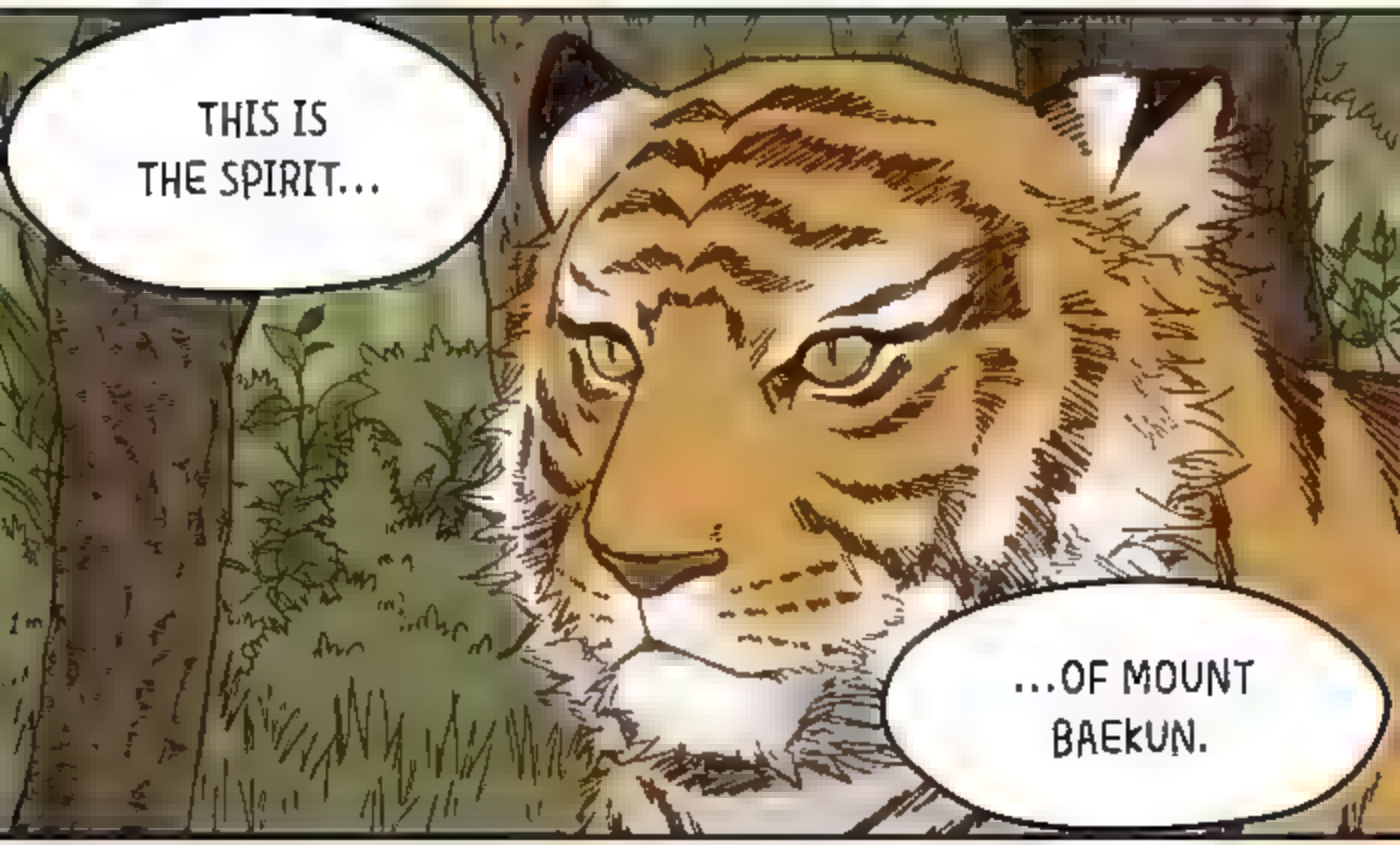
WILL YOU
NOT SHOW ME YOUR
FACE EVEN THOUGH I'VE
COME ALL THIS WAY?


SLINK

SLINK

H-HUH...
T-THAT'S...
A-A...
T-TIGER...

SAY HELLO.


THIS IS THE SPIRIT...
...OF MOUNT BAEKUN.

HOW MAY I BE OF SERVICE?
A TIGER!
A TALKING TIGER!
I HEARD AN IMOOGI IS HIDING OUT IN THIS MOUNTAIN.

IT SEEMS AS THOUGH HE'S FAR FROM WATER...
GLUB
...WHICH MEANS HE HASN'T CONCEALED HIMSELF IN A POND.

SO HE MUST HAVE

SET FOOT SOMEWHERE ON THE SURFACE OF THIS MOUNTAIN...

...AND I BELIEVE YOU MUST KNOW HIS WHEREABOUTS.

HMM... I MUST SAY I'M HESITANT TO BETRAY...

I'VE SEEN TALKING SNAKES AND

TURTLES...
SO OF COURSE TIGERS CAN TALK AS WELL, WHY NOT?
YEAH...
...SOMEONE WHO HAS SOUGHT REFUGE ON MY MOUNTAIN.

UNLIKE YOU, DRAGON KING, I AM BOUND TO THE EARTH.
BOW

I HOPE YOU'LL UNDERSTAND.

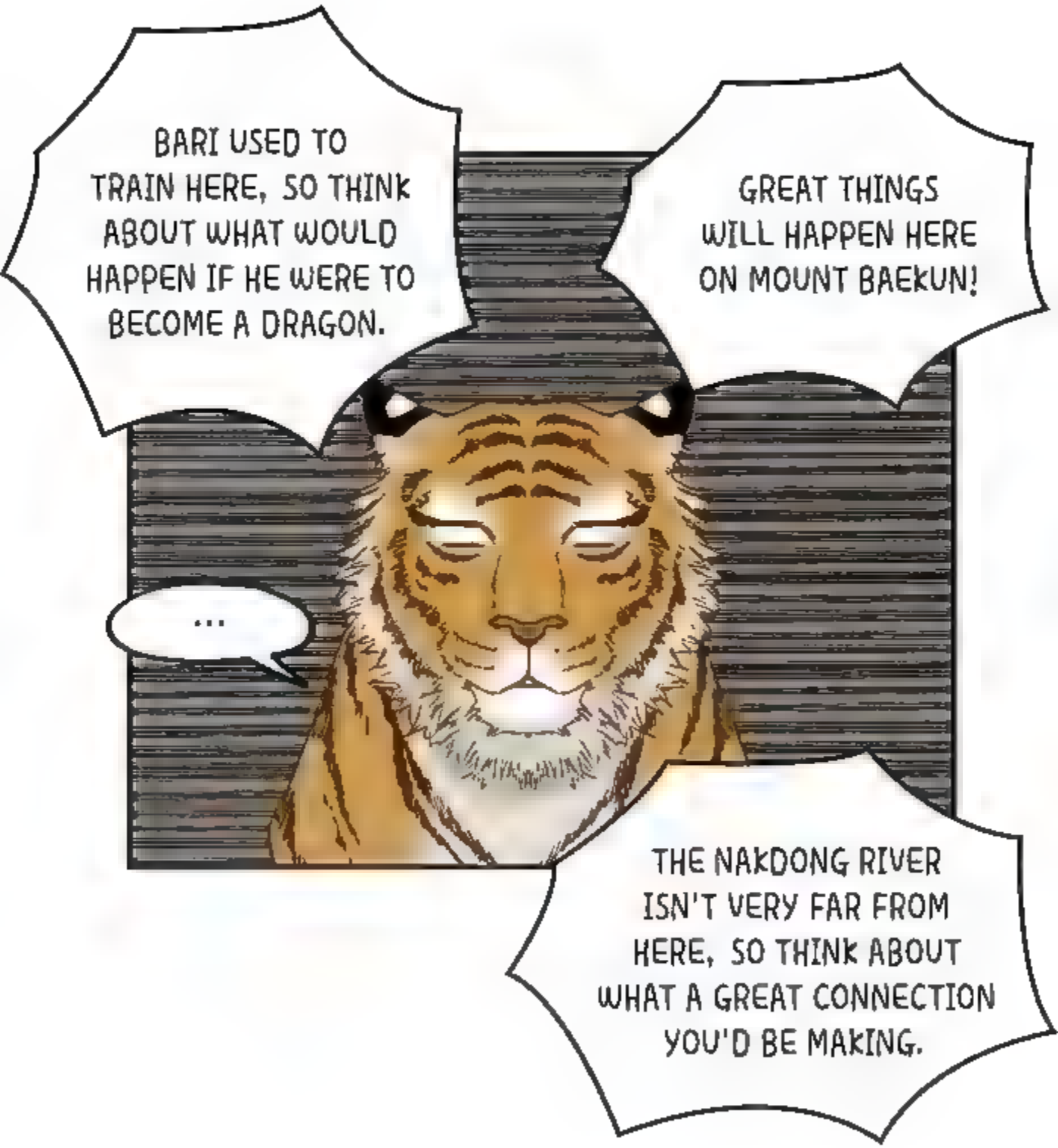
W-WAIT...
WAIT A MINUTE!

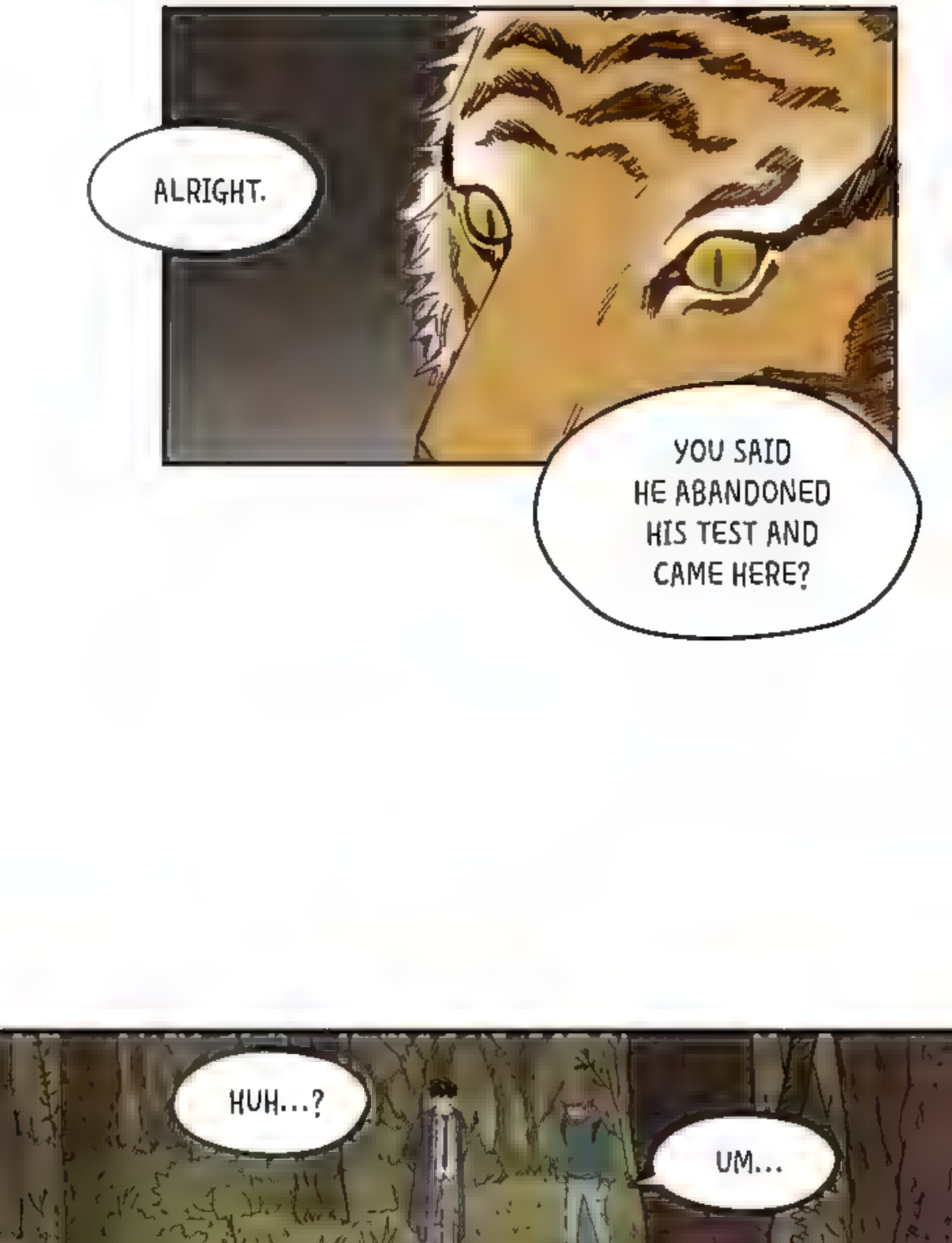
WE'RE NOT HERE TO HARM HIM!
WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

HE HAS AN EXAM IN TWO DAYS...

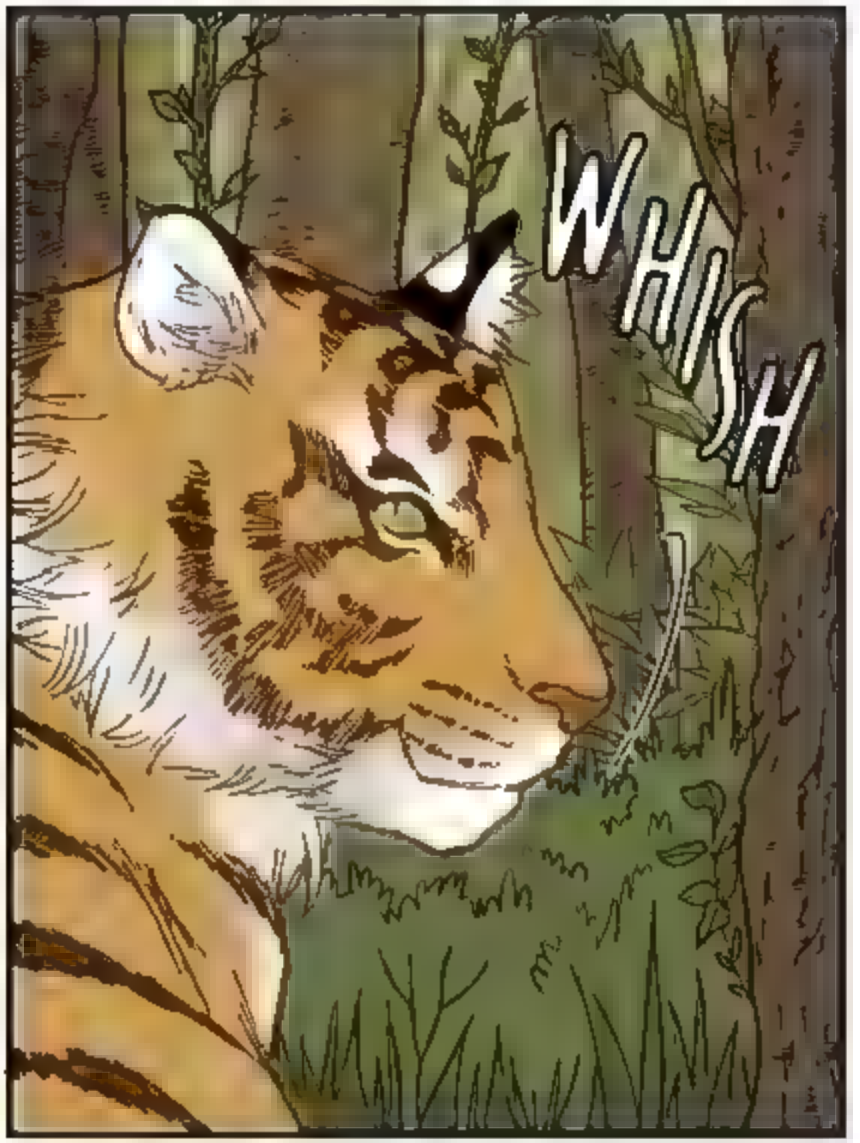
...AND IF HE STAYS HERE ANY LONGER, HE'LL BE DISQUALIFIED, JUST LIKE THAT!
AND IF BARI SUCCEEDS,
IT ACTUALLY WOULD BE BENEFICIAL FOR YOU TOO!
WHAT'S THIS NONSENSE?
?

LOTTO TICKETS
STORES THAT SELL WINNING LOTTO TICKETS BECOME GOOD LUCK SPOTS!
AND PEOPLE FIGHT TO SIT AT A DESK THAT USED TO BE OCCUPIED BY SOMEONE WHO GOT ACCEPTED INTO A GOOD SCHOOL!


BARI USED TO TRAIN HERE, SO THINK ABOUT WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF HE WERE TO BECOME A DRAGON.
GREAT THINGS WILL HAPPEN HERE ON MOUNT BAEKUN!
...
THE NAKDONG RIVER ISN'T VERY FAR FROM HERE, SO THINK ABOUT WHAT A GREAT CONNECTION YOU'D BE MAKING.


ALRIGHT.
YOU SAID HE ABANDONED HIS TEST AND CAME HERE?
HUH...?
UM...

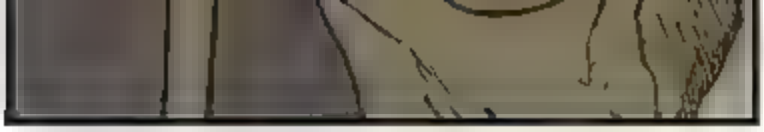
STEP

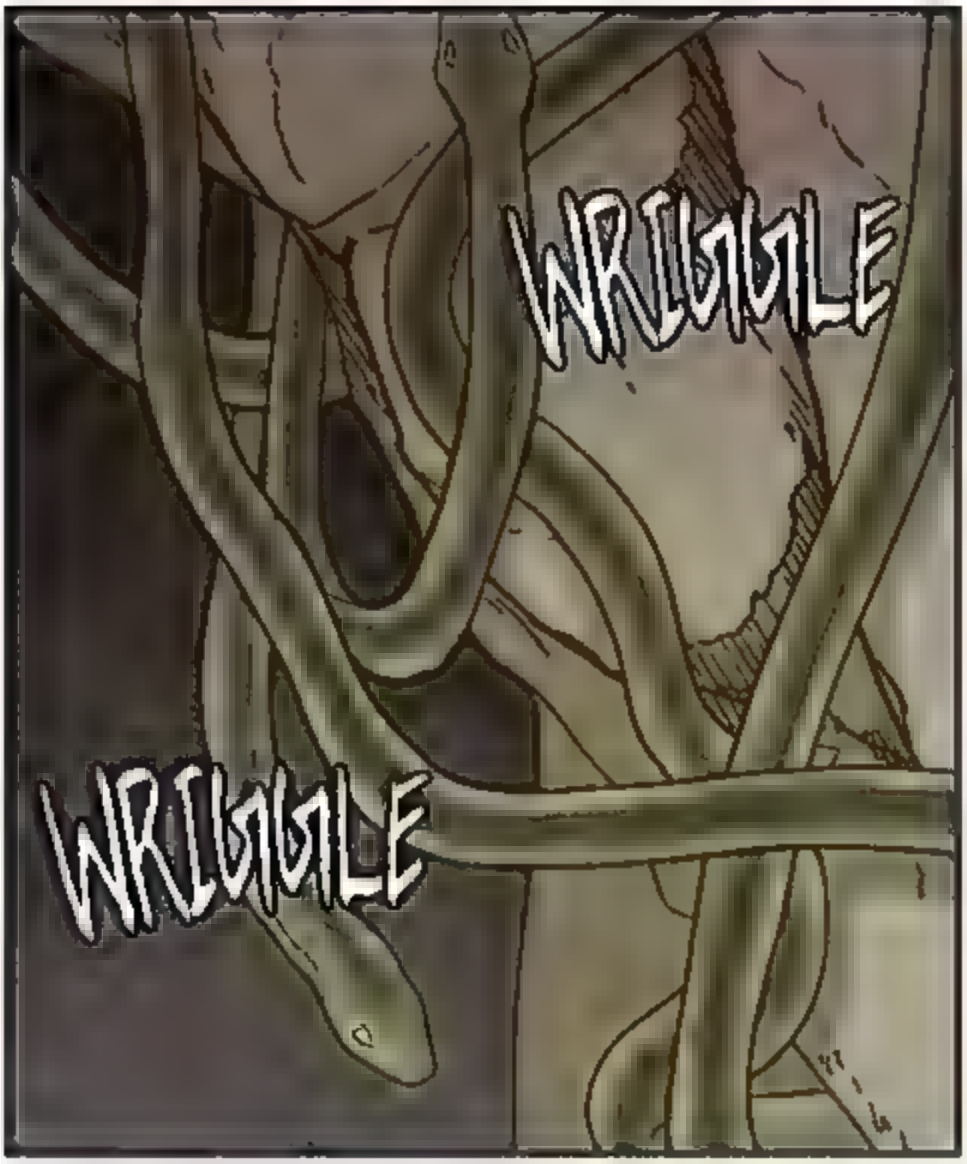

WHISH

HE'S IN THIS CAVE.
IT MIGHT AS WELL BE THE TROPICS HERE. THERE ARE SO MANY VINES--

...?!

T-THE VINES...
WRIGGLE
...ARE MOVING?

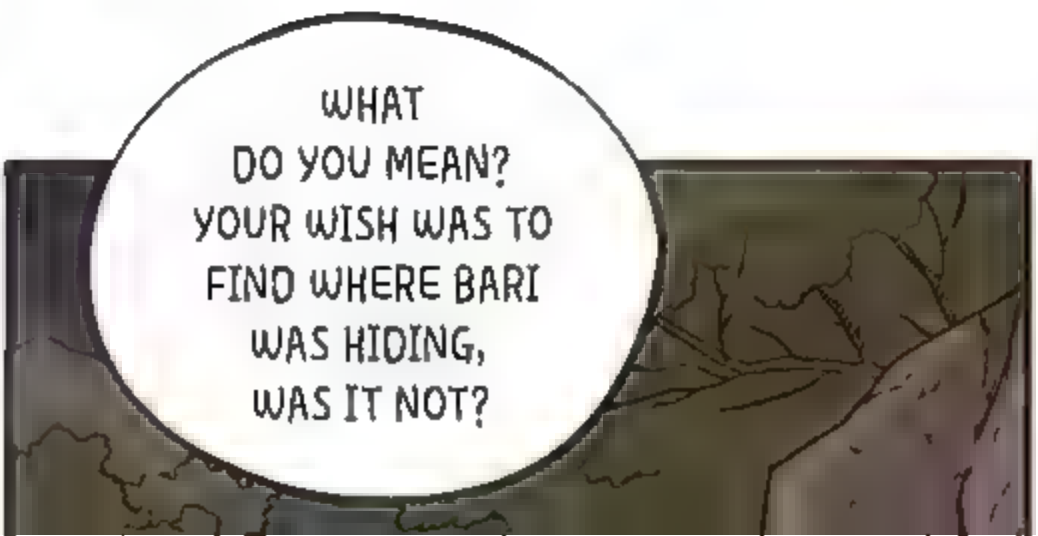



WRIGGLE
WRIGGLE

EE...
EEEEEk!!!
S-SNAkES???

ALRIGHT, I'LL TAKE MY LEAVE NOW.
OH MY GOD, THERE MUST BE THOUSANDS OF THEM...
I'LL GO WITH YOU.
ARE YOU SURE HE'S REALLY IN THERE?
YOU'RE NOT MESSING WITH ME, RIGHT?

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
HOLD ON!
GRAB
WHY ARE YOU LEAVING?!


WHAT DO YOU MEAN? YOUR WISH WAS TO FIND WHERE BARI WAS HIDING, WAS IT NOT?

YEAH... BUT STILL, SHOULDN'T YOU COME WITH ME?!
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO GO IN HERE BY MYSELF?

BUT I NEED TO GET GOING--

WHY?!

IT'S ALMOST MY CURFEW...
MY MOM'S GONNA BE WORRIED.
...

IF YOU CAME HERE WITHOUT THE RESOLVE TO SEE YOURSELF THROUGH SOMETHING LIKE THIS...
...THEN PERHAPS YOU SHOULD LEAVE AS WELL.

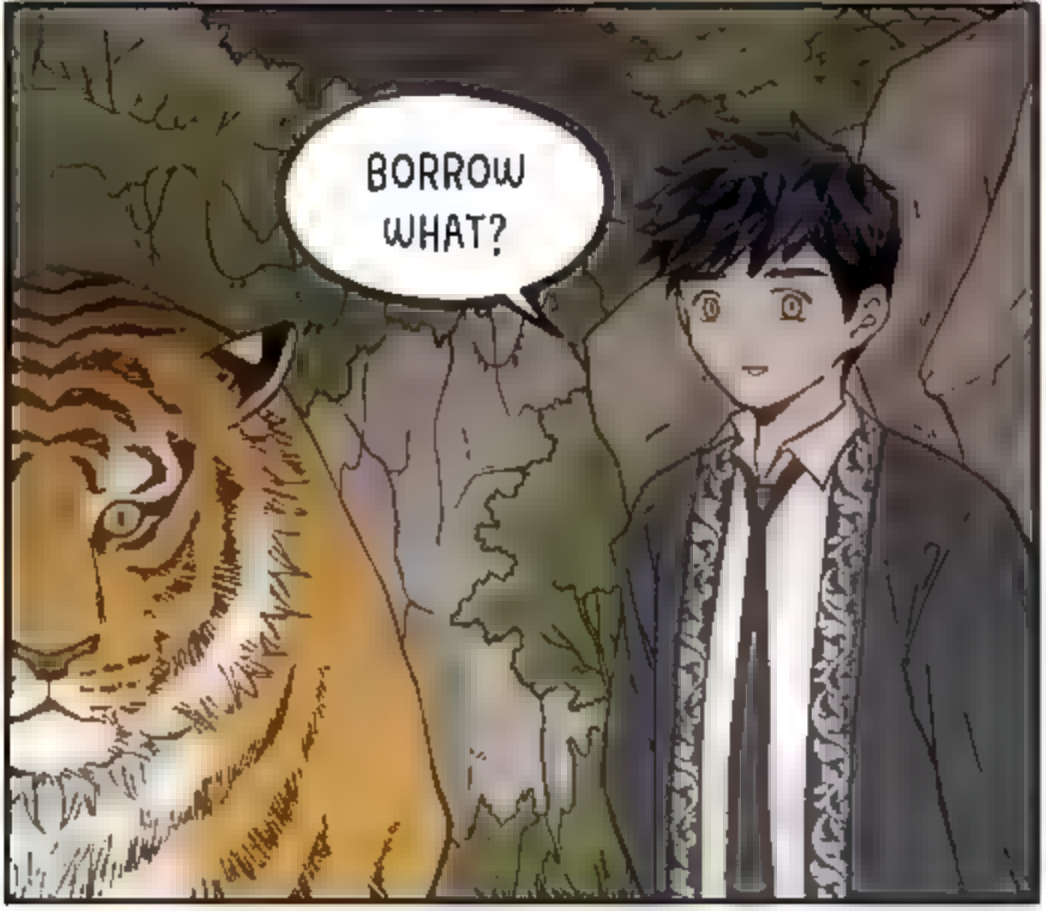
HE MAY SEEM TIMID AND FOOLISH, BUT BARI IS A MYTHICAL CREATURE WHO HAS LIVED THROUGH MANY HUMAN LIFETIMES.
HOW DO YOU EXPECT TO CHANGE HIS MIND WITH AN ATTITUDE LIKE THAT?

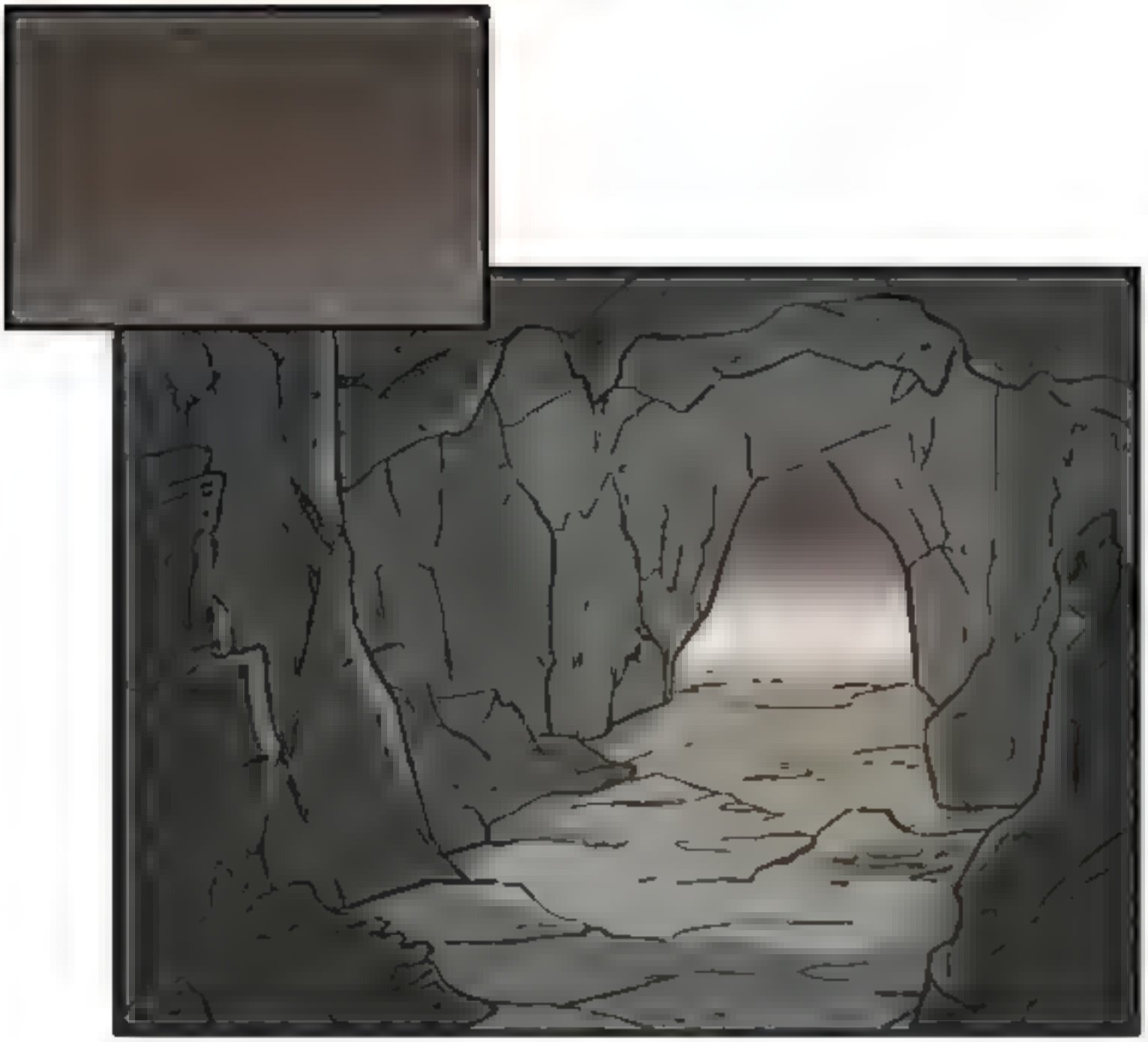
...

SO, WHAT WILL IT BE?
WILL YOU BE JOINING US?

THEN LET US GET MOVING BEFORE THE SUNRISE--

I'M SORRY...
...BUT COULD YOU LET ME BORROW SOMETHING?


BORROW WHAT?



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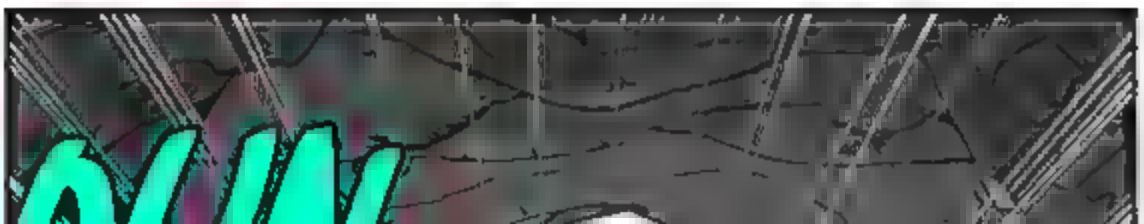
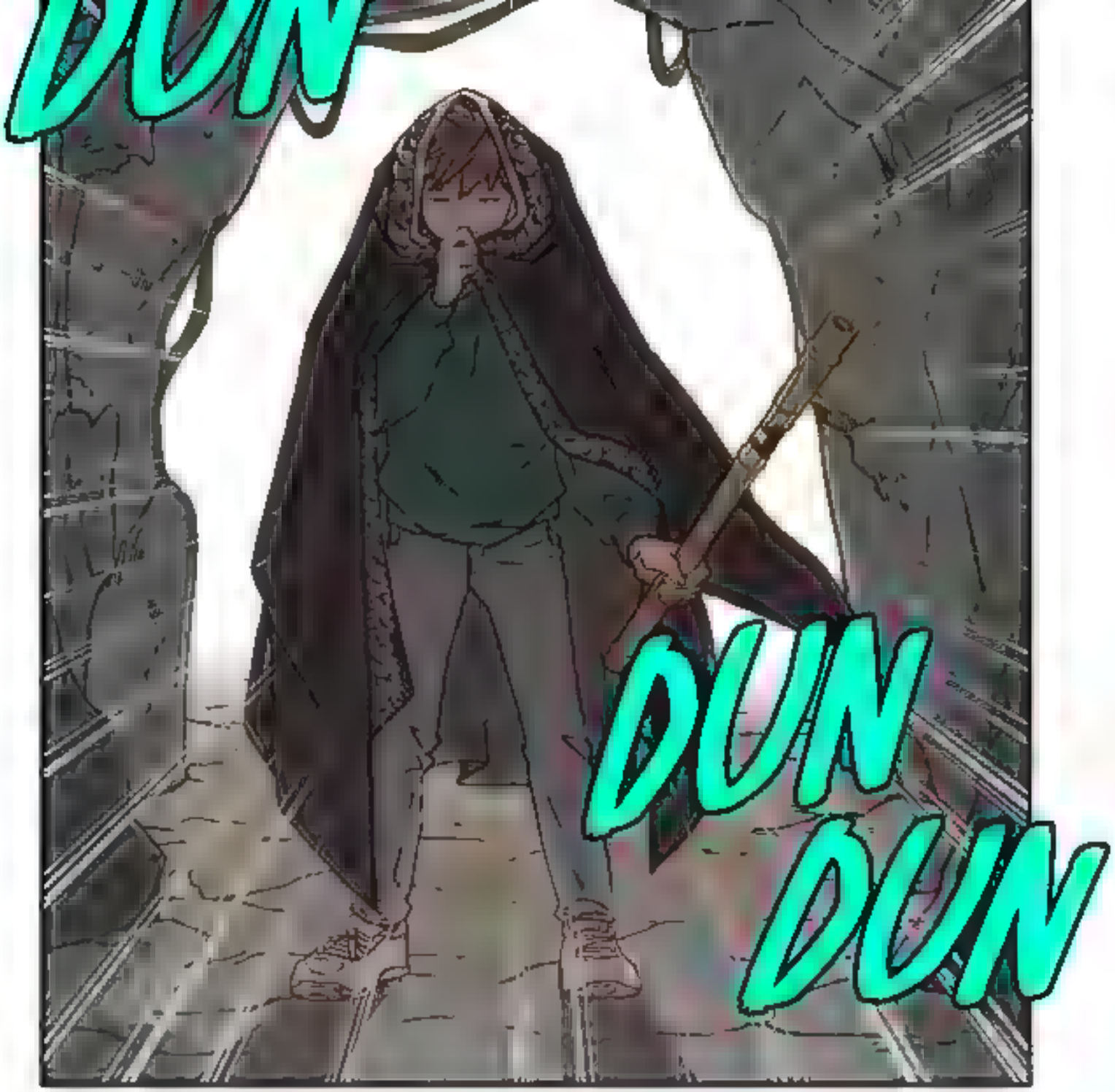



DUN
DUN
DUN

ALRIGHT, YOU

LIVED WITH A GIANT SNAKE IN THE SAME HOUSE.

TREMBLE TREMBLE

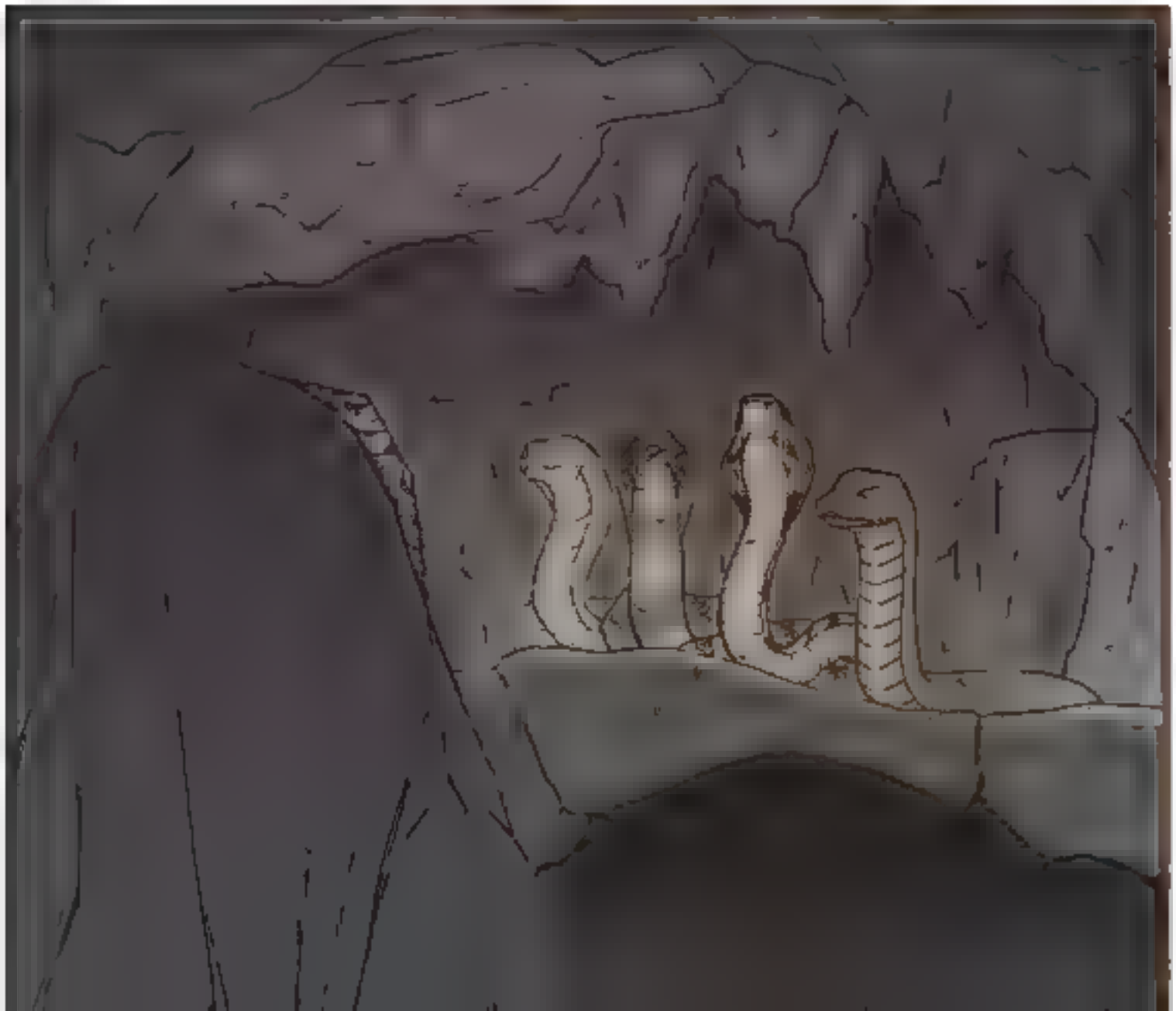
T-THESE ARE JUST WORMS IN COMPARISON. IT'S NO BIG DEAL!

UGH
IS IT OKAY
FOR ME TO USE A

NATIONAL TREASURE
IN THIS WAY...?
I'M SO SORRY, ANCESTORS

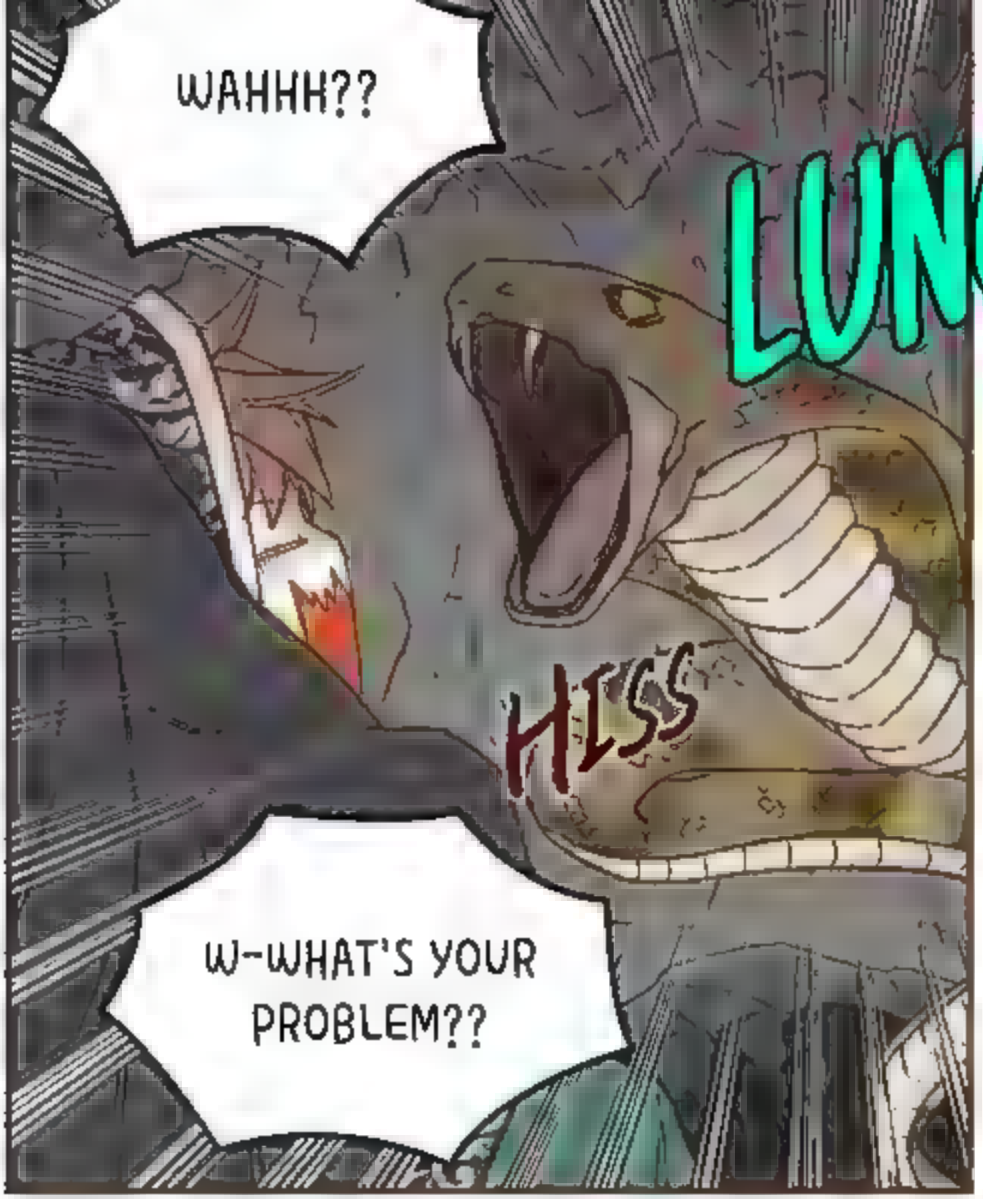
...!

PAUSE

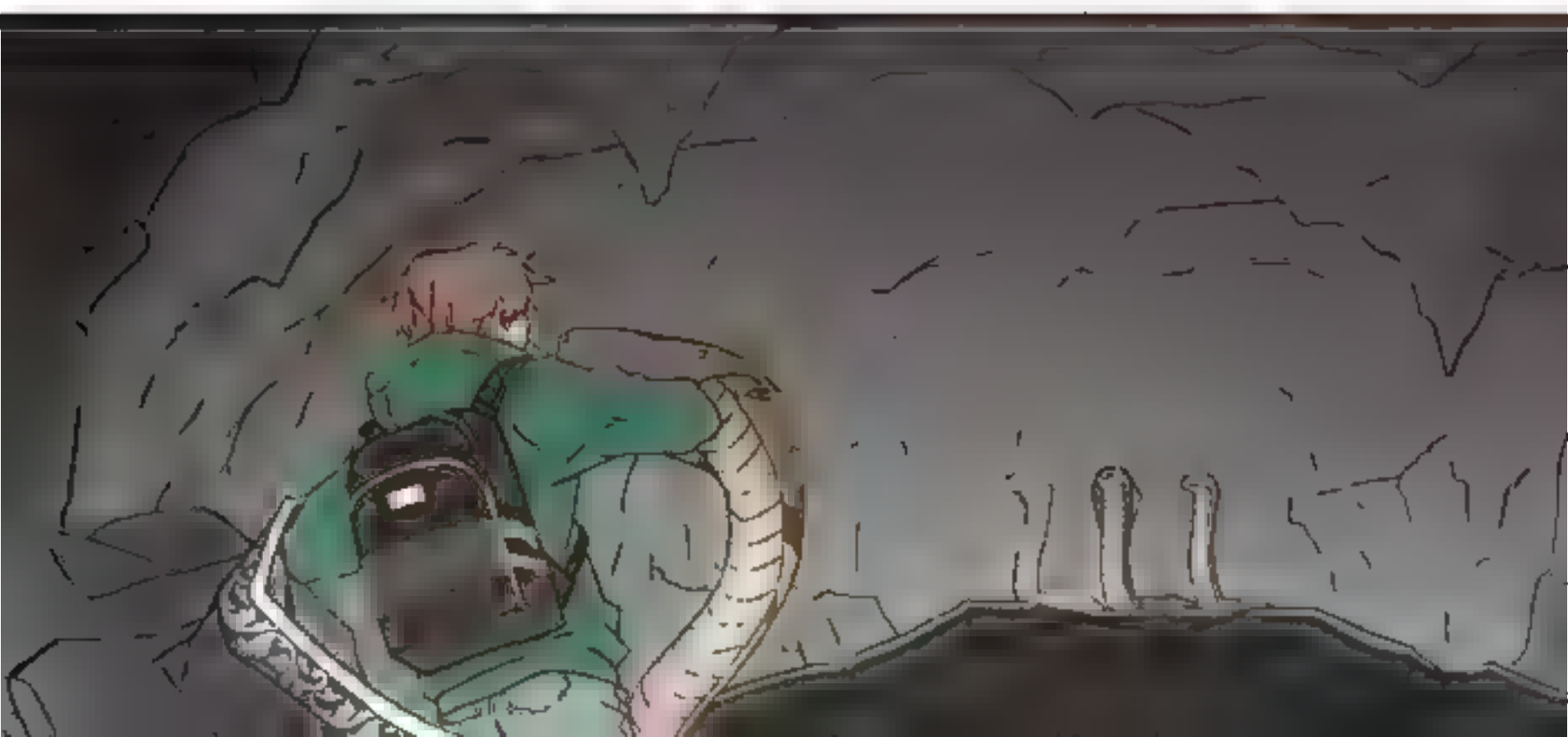


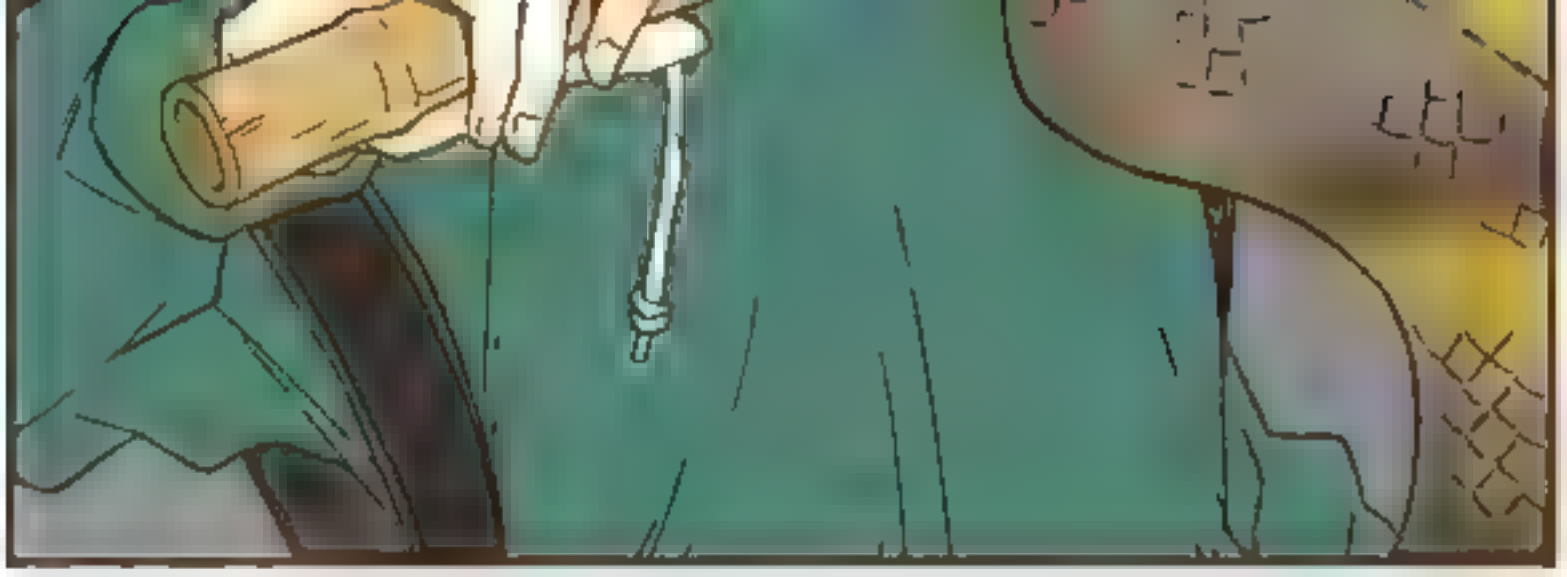
HISS
HISS

T-THEY'RE SO BIG!
SO BIG AND ICKY!

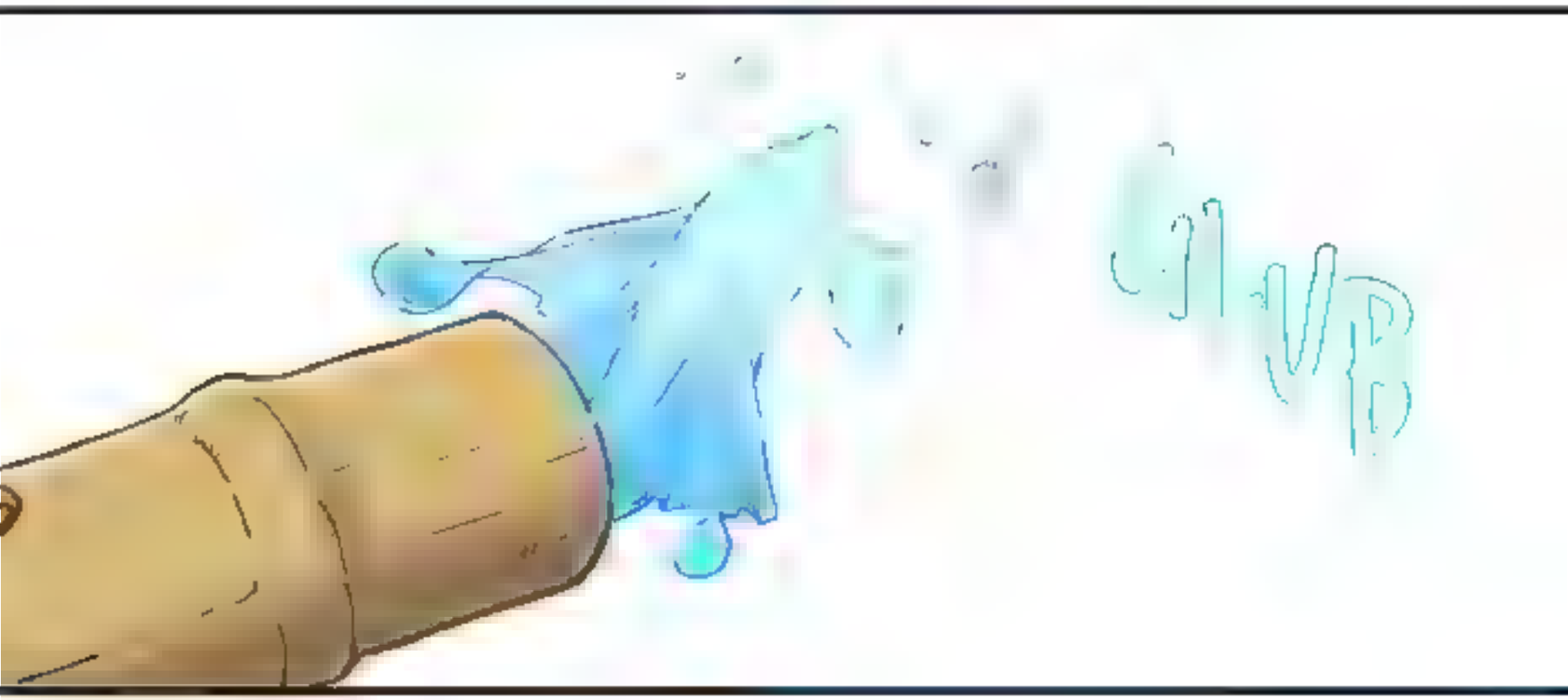

WAHHH??
LUNGE
HISS
W-WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM??

CHOMP





GET--ᵕu
SWISH
GET OFF!!!
SWISH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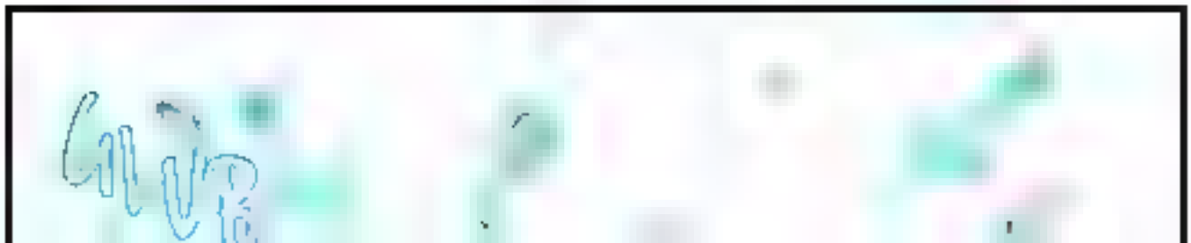
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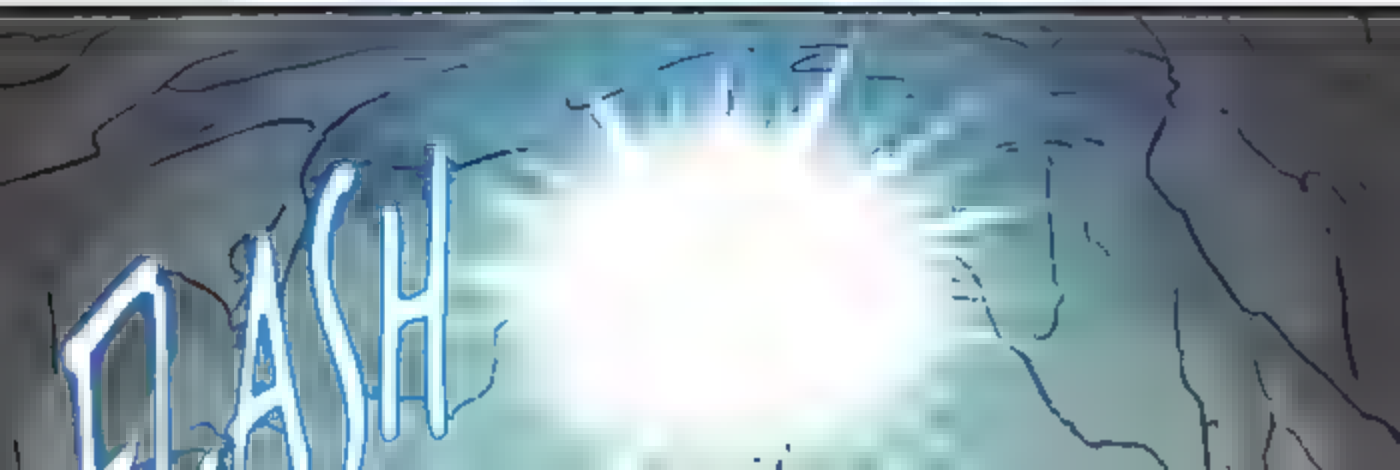

CRASH

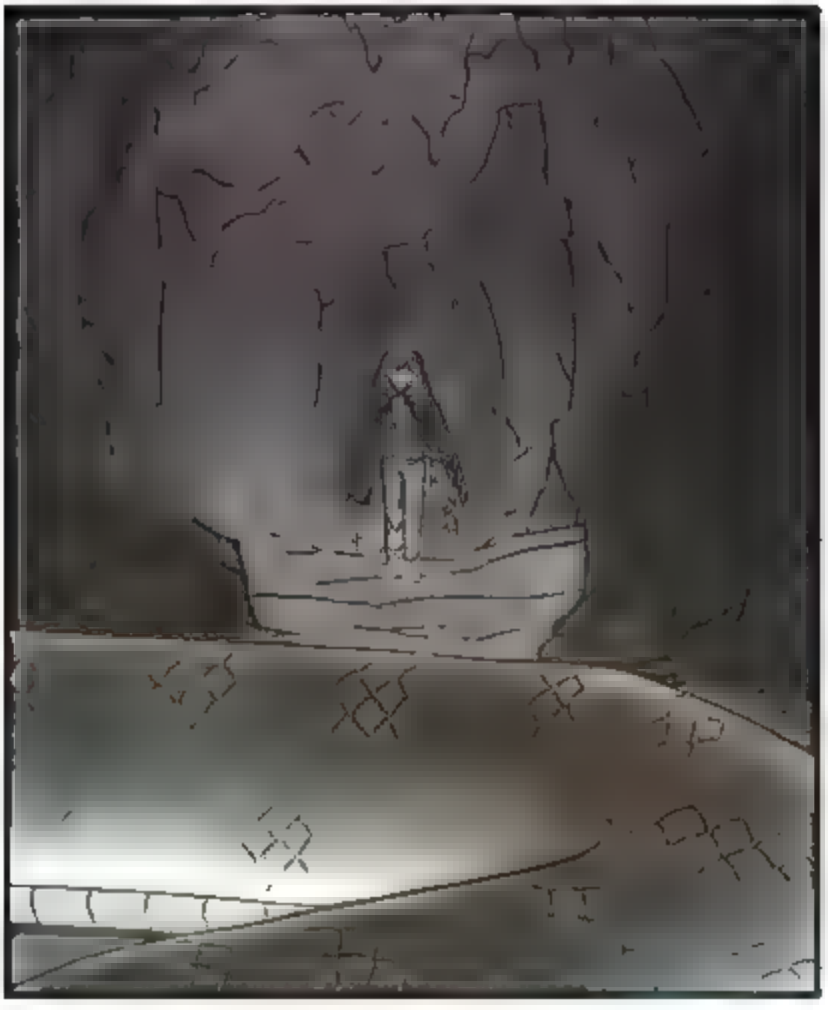
WHOA...

THIS THING'S AWESOME!!
SLITHER
SLITHER
NO WONDER IT'S A NATIONAL TREASURE...!

HEY!
PUAHAHA
HAHAHA

OUT OF MY WAY,
REPTILES!

HAHAHA



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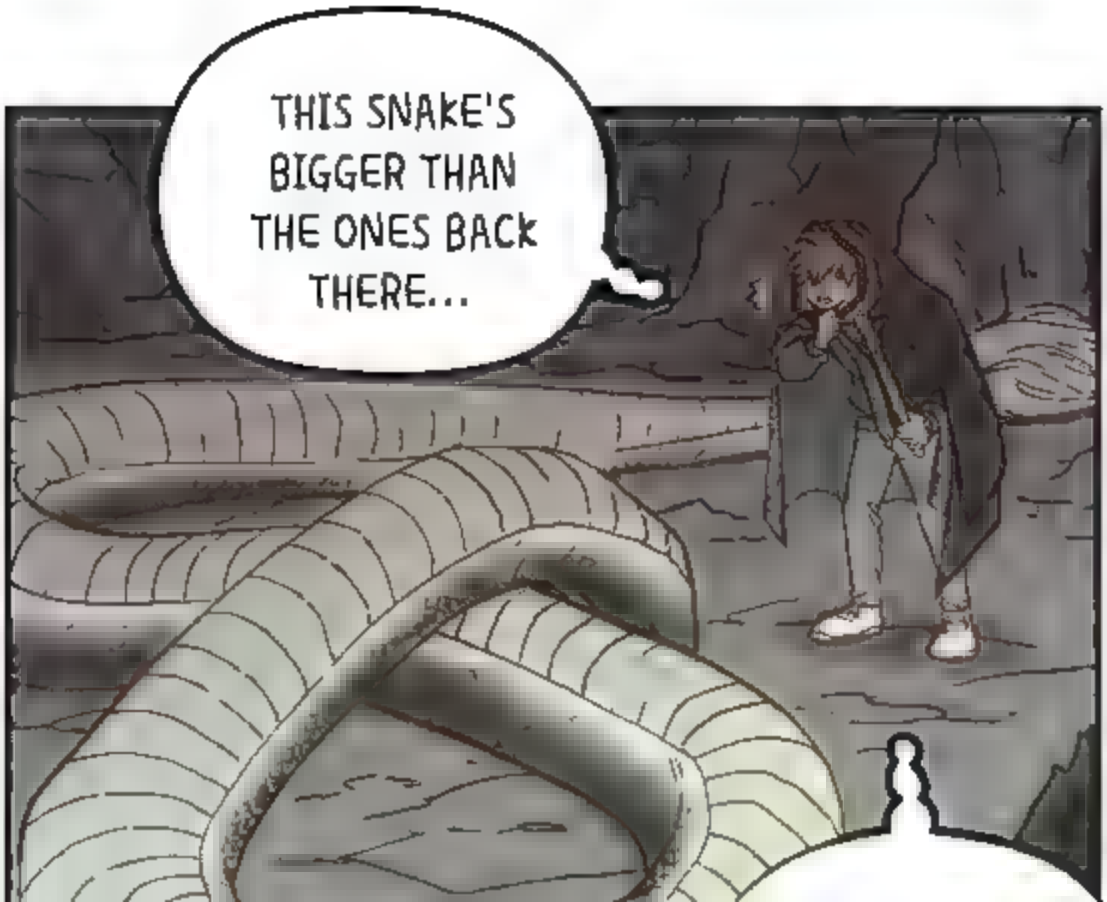
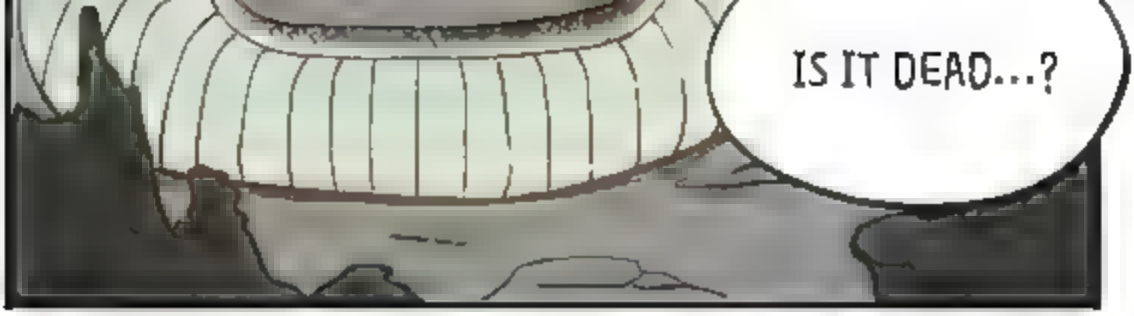
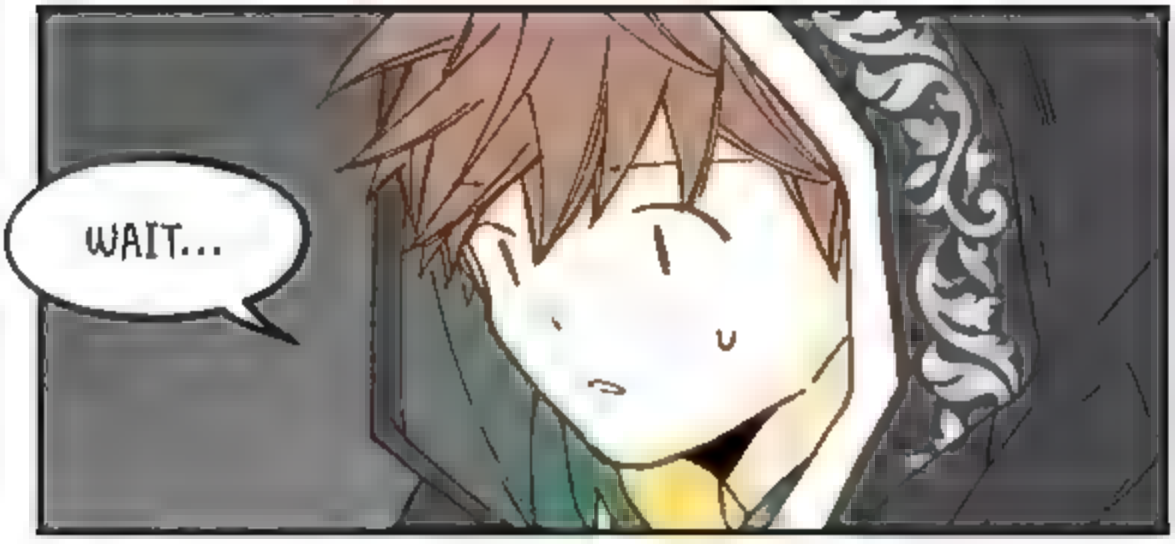

THIS SNAKE'S BIGGER THAN THE ONES BACK THERE...


IS IT DEAD...?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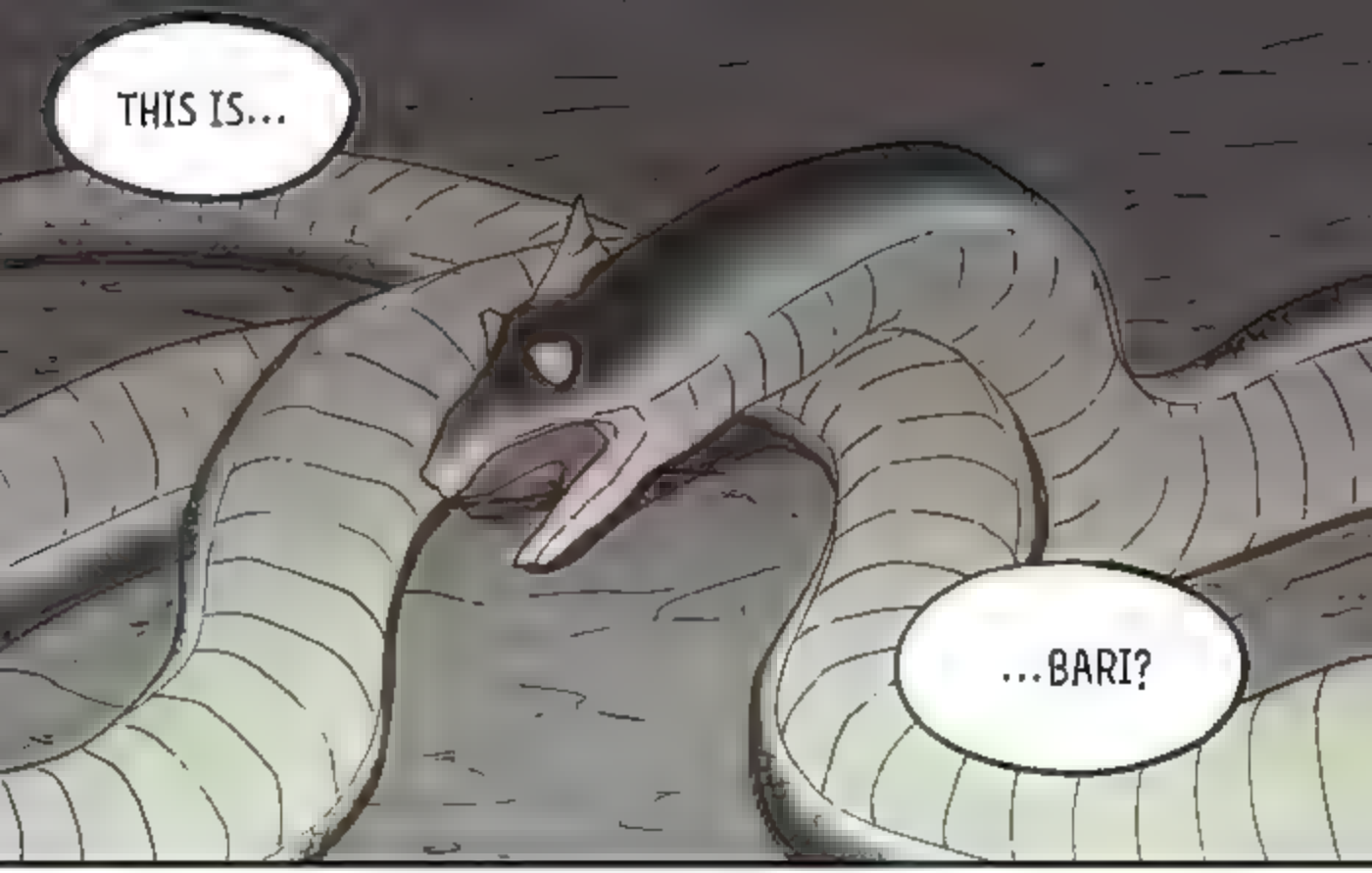
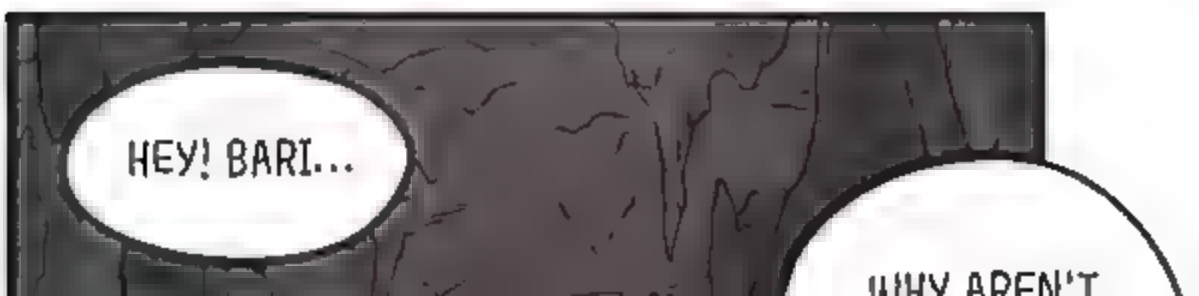
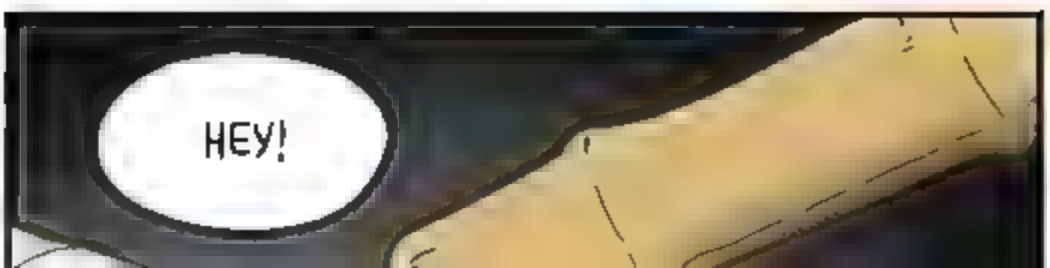

THIS IS...
...BARI?


HEY! BARI...
WHY AREN'T

YOU SAYING ANYTHING?
ARE YOU GONNA ACT LIKE YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW ME?


HEY!

POKE
ARE YOU ASLEEP?

CRUMBLE

HMM?

HUH...?

CRUMBLE